

Pre-K ELLA

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Arkansas educators of young children play an important role in helping children learn and succeed. Building on the concept of the Smart Start initiative, a consortium of representatives from the early childhood community and public education developed Pre-K Early Literacy Learning in Arkansas to assist early childhood educators in their efforts in providing a literacy foundation for young children.

The goal of Pre-K ELLA training is to provide child care professionals with the knowledge and skills to implement developmentally appropriate experiences that promote emergent literacy skills for children (ages 3 to 5) prior to their entry into kindergarten. This training of 30 clock hours is for child care professionals in registered homes, licensed homes and child care centers.

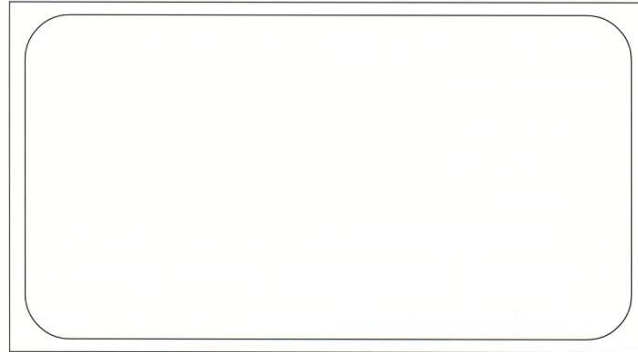
What does the training offer child care professionals?

- ★ 30 hours of FREE specialized training in Pre-K Early Literacy Learning In Arkansas (Pre-K ELLA)
- ★ Provides training experiences that promote emergent literacy skills for children prior to the entry into kindergarten (ages 3 to 5)
- ★ FREE participant materials
- ★ FREE participant kit
- ★ Opportunity for professional development and interaction with other child care professionals
- ★ A Certificate of Completion
- ★ Includes 15 topics entitled:
 - ☆ Overview of Pre-K Literacy Ages 3 and 4
 - ☆ Social and Emotional Development Related to Literacy
 - ☆ Creating Learning Environments That Are Literacy Rich and Guide Behavior
 - ☆ Overview of Language Development – Language Arts
 - ☆ The Role of Play
 - ☆ Dramatic Play, Drama and Play Acting
 - ☆ Read Aloud
 - ☆ Storytelling
 - ☆ Poetry, Nursery Rhymes, Finger Plays and Songs
 - ☆ Reading Experiences – Shared Reading
 - ☆ Learning About Letters, Sounds and Words
 - ☆ Environmental Print
 - ☆ Writing in the Pre-K Balanced Literacy Program
 - ☆ Assessment, Observation and Portfolio
 - ☆ Fostering Children's Emergent Literacy Development Through the Family

Training is offered by:

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